# Integration of Wind Energy Into the Wholesale Supply Portfolio\*

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<sup>\*</sup> Or, Congratulations on the Wind Deals — Now What Will You Do With the Energy?



#### **Exelon Power Team**

- Schedules & markets Exelon Corp.'s generating assets:
  - Nuclear: 13,949 MW
  - Fossil: 3,721 MW
  - Hydro (incl. Pumped Storage): 1,489 MW
  - Long-Term Contracts: 13,900 MW
  - Renewable: 320 MW



#### **Exelon Power Team**

- Sells full-requirements energy and capacity to distribution company loads in Philadelphia and Chicago (approx. 32,000 MW at the peak hour)
- Does all supply and demand planning



#### Renewable Portfolio

Wind: 150 MW

Landfill: 100 MW

Biomass: 20 MW

Scrap tires: 16 MW

MSW: 35 MW

Hydro (not incl. pumped storage):525 MW



# Why is Power Team pursuing renewable assets?

- Customer demand (natural and mandated)
- Portfolio diversity
- Image benefits
- It's the right thing to do supply/demand concerns addressed by variety of supply- & demand-side measures



# Why are developers pursuing Power Team?

- Creditworthiness
- Large supply portfolio capable of integrating smaller projects
- Willingness to take on long-term market value risk
- Major player in retail access markets
- Largest physical mover of power in U.S. we have no problem picking up energy at generator bus



# Wind energy projects: getting to the PPA

- Seller's requirements
- Buyer's requirements



#### Seller wants:

- Creditworthy partner
- Long-term commitment
- Non-conventional view
- Willingness to work jointly with transmission provider
- Willingness to not stop at one project



#### Buyer wants:

- Creditworthy partner
- Development track record
- Commitment to commercial operation date
- Output guarantee
- Willingness to dictate to transmission provider
- Payment based on production only
- Attorney who's familiar with PPA routine



## Obstacles to progress

- In non-RTO areas, delivery imbalance
- ISO recognition of projects as capacity resources
- Is customer demand sustaining?
- The big one: cost



#### Imbalance Issues

- In non-RTO/ISO areas: transmission providers typically want to view wind generation in conventional framework (block schedule, NERC tag, OATT imbalance tariff)
- Existing ISOs (PJM, NY, CA, NEPOOL) have different approaches to wind generation, or are in the process of formulating positions



#### PJM Approach

- In PJM, existing energy markets and generator metering system make it relatively easy (i.e., non-punitive) to sell intermittent energy
- Big problem: PJM's generator notification requirement doesn't work for wind



#### **Possible Solutions**

- Treat wind generation as "negative load"
  - Ancillary services issue: Load pays for regulation and other services
- Develop reliable wind forecasting: Hirst specified equation to forecast hourly wind output



### Interim Approaches

- "First generation": negative load concept (PJM); wide deadband (TX); day-ahead schedule modification (NY)
- "Second generation": wind forecasting with automation to transmission provider systems



- Interim solutions may have to be modified to accommodate larger-scale fluctuations
- U.S. transmission providers haven't had to tackle this issue in a big way yet



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### Where to go from here

- Risk-sharing if subsidies are limited or non-existent, power marketing can't take on all market value risk. Ideas:
  - Insurance products (financial put options, standard coverages) to shed some risk
  - Linkages to large, creditworthy buyers who want long-term agreements or call options